GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR DRINKING WATER UNDER MASTER PLAN TO MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of a Master Plan of 12269 crore implemented by the Government of Maharashtra to tackle the drinking water problem in the State;

(b) if so, the details of habitations covered/ remained uncovered so far under the said Master Plan in the State;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government for providing some grant-in-aid to facilitate completion of the Master Plan in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) to (d): As per the information provided by the Maharashtra Government, the then Government of Maharashtra had prepared a Master Plan in the year 1996-97, estimated to cost Rs.12269 crore, to provide safe and sufficient drinking water to the habitations in the rural areas. There were 53462 habitations to be covered as per the Master Plan.Out of this, 27724 habitations were tackled till date and remaining 25738 habitations are yet to be tackled.

Due to costlier and unsustainable schemes in the Master Plan, the State Government is attempting to complete the schemes, which are presently under progress, by mobilising the resources from various sources.

The State Government has also approached Government of India to recommend their proposal to the World Bank for the Second Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project, with an estimated cost of Rs.1656.20 crore, covering 16 districts of the State. This project is to be implemented on Sector Reforms principles of Government of India.Project preparation activities have been initiated by Maharashtra Government with PHRD Grant (Japanese assistance) through the World Bank, not exceeding US$ 420,000. The project will be implemented over a period of 6 years after its commencement.

The project is proposed to cover 848 Not Covered and 12913 Partially Covered habitations in 16 districts of the State, namely, Nagpur, Beed, Kolapur, Latur, Buldhana, Satara, Sindhudurg, Osmanabad, Solapur, Washim, Akola, Nashik, Wardha, Parbhani, Hingoli and Thane. About one crore of population is estimated to be benefited.

The Cost of the rural water supply schemes for covering 16 districts comes to Rs.1274.75 crore. Similarly the cost of sanitation component has been worked out as Rs.381.45 crore. The total cost of the project thus comes to Rs.1656.2 crore. State Government is committed to provide adequate plan provision in the State budget for the project during the Tenth Plan.